UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

4586

7590

11/16/2007

ROSENBERG, KLEIN & LEE 3458 ELLICOTT CENTER DRIVE-SUITE 101 ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043 EXAMINER

PRONE, CHRISTOPHER D

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

3738

DATE MAILED: 11/16/2007

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/717,470	11/21/2003	Robert E. Fischell	MR1811-48/DIV	8120

TITLE OF INVENTION: STENT WITH OPTIMAL STRENGTH AND RADIOPACITY CHARACTERISTICS

APPLN, TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1440	\$300	\$0	\$1740	02/19/2008

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

- A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.
- B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

- A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or
- B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

II. PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL, or its equivalent, must be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted. If an equivalent of Part B is filed, a request to reapply a previously paid issue fee must be clearly made, and delays in processing may occur due to the difficulty in recognizing the paper as an equivalent of Part B.

III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.

PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL

Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to: Mail Mail Stop ISSUE FEE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

or Fax (571)-273-2885

INSTRUCTIONS: This appropriate. All further indicated unless corrected maintenance fee notifical	ea below or alrectea oth	or transmitting the ISSI g the Patent, advance of the transmitting the ISSI g the Patent, advance of the Issue of the Issu	UE FEE and PUBLICAT rders and notification of rappets and specifying a new corresponding to the second specification of the second specificati	ON FEE (if requestion of the contract of the c	ired). Blocks I through 5 vill be mailed to the currer and/or (b) indicating a se	should be completed when it correspondence address a parate "FEE ADDRESS" fo
CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (Note: Use Block 1 for any change of addres			Fee	s) Transmittal. Thi	is certificate cannot be used	for domestic mailings of the for any other accompanying nent or formal drawing, mus
	7590 11/16, KLEIN & LEE CENTER DRIVE Y, MD 21043		I he Stat addi	Cer reby certify that th es Postal Service w essed to the Mail	tificate of Mailing or Trai	ismission ng deposited with the United rst class mail in an envelope s above, or being facsimile
						(Depositor's name)
			·			(Signature)
						(Date)
APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/717,470 FITLE OF INVENTION	11/21/2003 STENT WITH OPTIM	AL STRENGTH AND R	Robert E. Fischell ADIOPACITY CHARAC	FERISTICS	MR1811-48/DIV	8120
APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUI	E FEE TOTAL FEE(S) DU	E DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1440	\$300	\$0	\$1740	02/19/2008
EXAM	INER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS			
PRONE, CHRI	STOPHER D	3738	623-001150			
"Fee Address" indi PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-0 Number is required.	ess an assignee is identi i in 37 CFR 3.11. Comp	Indication form ed. Use of a Customer TO BE PRINTED ON	(1) the names of up to or agents OR, alternativ (2) the name of a single registered attorney or a 2 registered patent attoolisted, no name will be THE PATENT (print or type data will appear on the patent attoolist (B) RESIDENCE: (CITY)	cly, e firm (having as a gent) and the nammers or agents. If printed. e) etent. If an assignussignment.	member a 2es of up to no name is 3ee is identified below, the	document has been filed for
Please check the appropri	ate assignee category or	categories (will not be pr	rinted on the patent):	Individual 🗖 Co	orporation or other private g	roup entity Government
a. The following fee(s) are submitted: Issue Fee Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted) Advance Order - # of Copies			A check is enclosed. Payment by credit care	l. Form PTO-2038	ge the required fee(s), any d	•
a. Applicant claims	us (from status indicated SMALL ENTITY status	s. See 37 CFR 1.27.	☐ b. Applicant is no long	er claiming SMAL	LL ENTITY status. See 37 (CFR 1.27(g)(2).
NOTE: The Issue Fee and interest as shown by the re	Publication Fee (if requecords of the United Stat	ired) will not be accepted es Patent and Trademark	d from anyone other than the Office.	e applicant; a regi	stered attorney or agent; or	the assignee or other party in
Authorized Signature				Date		
Typed or printed name			Registration No.			
his collection of informa n application. Confident ubmitting the completed his form and/or suggestion fox 1450, Alexandria, Vi	ation is required by 37 Cliality is governed by 35 application form to the ons for reducing this buringinia 22313-1450. DO	FR 1.311. The informatic U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR USPTO. Time will vary den, should be sent to th NOT SEND FEES OR (on is required to obtain or relation is estimated. This collection is estimated depending upon the individual completed forms to COMPLETED FORMS TO	etain a benefit by the mated to take 12 n dual case. Any cor, U.S. Patent and THIS ADDRESS	ne public which is to file (an ninutes to complete, includi mments on the amount of t Trademark Office, U.S. De SEND TO: Commissioner	nd by the USPTO to process) ng gathering, preparing, and ime you require to complete partment of Commerce, P.O. for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

		······································			
APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.	
10/717,470 11/21/2003		Robert E. Fischell	MR1811-48/DIV	8120	
4586	7590 11/16/2007		EXAMINER		
ROSENBERG	, KLEIN & LEE	PRONE, CHRISTOPHER D			
3458 ELLICOTT CENTER DRIVE-SUITE 101			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER	
ELLICOTT CIT	Y, MD 21043		3738		
•			DATE MAILED: 11/16/2007		

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 320 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 320 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (http://pair.uspto.gov).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.